

**SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS**

On page 1, above line 1, insert--Priority Claim

The present application claims priority of European Patent Application No. 03104883.8 filed 22 December 2003.—

On page 1, delete line 6-22.

On page 5, above line 24, insert--Summary of the Invention

On page 5, delete line 29.

On page 6, above line 13, insert--Brief Description of the Drawings

Figure 1, shows schematically a top view of a gas-liquid contacting tray according to the present invention; and

Figure 2, shows schematically a particular embodiment of contacting trays according to the invention together with separation trays in a column.

**Detailed Description of the Invention--**

On page 9, delete line 1, and 3-10.

On page 9, delete line 4-10.

On page 18, above line 1, insert --That which is claimed is:--